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JUSTIFICATION

This mission is in response to the USIB requirement for high resolution photographic coverage of priority targets in North Vietnam. Specifically, the OXCART aircraft is to cover those areas of North Vietnam which because of surface-to-air missile defenses cannot be covered adequately by other means. The 303 Committee has approved this mission.

TARGET DATA

There are 48 COMOR targets in North Vietnam which are listed below. Apart from coverage of these targets, OXCART photography is to be used specifically to locate and identify surface-to-surface missiles in North Vietnam if and when they should be introduced.

Thirty-five of the above 48 COMOR targets are in the SAM defended area. This mission has been planned to make two passes over the primary target area in order to maximize photo coverage. BX6713 should cover a minimum of 26 COMOR targets.

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A 1.	[REDACTED]	Cac Ba Coastal Def. Site
A C 2.		Haiphong/Cat Bi A/F
A C 3.		Haiphong/Kien An A/F
B 4.		Hanoi/Bac Mai A/F
B 5.		Hanoi/Gia Lam A/F
A B 6.		Phuc Yen A/F
C 7.		Lang Son A/F
A 8.		Kep A/F
B 9.		Yen Bai Suspect A/F U/C
B10.		Hoa Lac A/F U/C
11.		Bai Thuong A/F
A12.		Haiphong Port Complex
C13.		Cam Pha Port Facilities
A C14.		Hon Gay Port Facilities
A C15.		Ha Tou Naval Support Facility
16.	Vinh/Ben Thuy Port Facilities	
17.	[REDACTED]	
18.	Ha Giang Military Installation	
B19.	Van Hai Army Barracks	
C20.	Lang Son Military Complex	

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C21.		Loc Binh Army Supply Depot
A22.		Thai Nguyen Army Supply Depot North
23.		Bac Kan Military Area
A24.		Phu Lang Thuong Military Area
25.		Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 2
26.		Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 1
B27.		Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 3
A C28.		Hanoi-Ping Hsiang RR, Segment 2
C29.		Hanoi-Ping Hsiang RR, Segment 1
A B30.		Hanoi-Ping Hsiang RR, Segment 3
B31.		Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 4
A B32.		Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 5
A33.		Kep to Than Nguyen RR
C34.		Dong Dang Complex
A B35.		Phu Lang Thuong Complex
36.		Cao Bang Complex
37.		Lai Chau Complex
C38.		Lang Son Complex
39.		Mon Cay Complex
C40.		Tien Yen Complex
B41.		Tuyen Quang Complex
B42.		Yen Bai Complex
43.		Dien Bien Phu Complex
44.		Lao Kay Complex
A45.		Haiphong RR Yards
B46.		Viet Tri RR Yards
A B47.		Yen Vien (Hanoi) RR Yards
A C48.		Kep Complex

A indicates COMOR targets option A should cover.
 B indicates COMOR targets option B should cover.
 C indicates COMOR targets option C should cover.

Flight Line Options A and B have been selected and should cover 28 COMOR targets.

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The OXCART Mission BX67¹⁷~~13~~ as planned
herein is approved.

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Telephoned Mr. R. Helms at 1800 L
and he said OK since it is
essentially a repetition with no new
political inhibitions. Therefore, no need
to see the book. Told him the Admiral + Carl already
coordinated.

13 August

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